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Address: 27 North Ferry Street, Schenectady, Schenectady County, New York.

Present Owner and Occupant: Giles Y. van der Bogert.

Present Use: Residence.

Brief Statement of Significance: A late 18th century small Dutch house.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Original and subsequent owners: Purchased 1946 from Mrs. Hitchens, who had owned it for a long time.

B. Date of Erection: 1795. An old deed dated 1795 refers to the property at this location as belonging to Jan Peek "whose house was built this season."

C. Original Plans, Construction: Probably two rooms on each floor, with central stairway.

D. Notes on Alterations and Additions: Was added to on the west, unknown date. Front altered c. 1870-1880; restored recently. Stair reversed in 1946. Modern fireplace in place of an old one which had disappeared.

E. Sources of Information: Interview with Giles Y. van der Bogert, 27 North Ferry Street, Schenectady, New York, September 7, 1962.

Historic Buildings in Downtown Schenectady, booklet (Schenectady Committee on Historic Markers, Schenectady County Historical Society), p. 17.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: An early small Dutch house, with representative structural features.

2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Over-all dimensions: Original portion 27'-3" frontage, 21'-3" depth. West addition (rear) 9'-6" in depth. Two stories; four-bay front; rectangular layout.

2. Foundations: Stone; now stuccoed on exterior.

3. Wall construction: Heavy timber frame, clapboarded. Brick infilling (this can be seen on north wall of first story).

4. Stoops: Small, modern brick stoop at entrance, with large modern hood.

5. Chimneys: One on ridge at north end, and a modern chimney on south.

6. Openings:

a. Doorways and doors: Entrance has simple, wide trim. Small transom above door. Door was apparently six-panel, upper part now glazed.

b. Windows: Modern sash; narrow trim.

7. Roof:

a. Shape, covering: Gable, with ridge parallel to street. Modern asphalt composition; shingles.

b. Cornice: Simple wood cornice across front.

C. Technical Description of Interior

1. Floor plans: I.: Original part divided into two rooms, rear addition forming a third. II.: Similar, with bathroom added.

2. Stairways: Formerly led directly up from entrance in straight flight. It was reversed in recent years.

3. Flooring: Wide boards on heavy, hewn joists spaced about 5' apart. Second-floor joists have had lower parts removed at some undetermined time, perhaps mid-19th century.

4. Wall and ceiling finish: Some lathed and plastered. First-floor partition retains old horizontal boarding, 11" to 15" wide, matched flush with beaded edge. North wall of first floor shows hewn timbers and brick infilling.

5. Heating: Modern fireplace in location of old one  
Central heating.

D. Site: Faces east on narrow residential street. Built  
close to sidewalk. Very narrow side yards.

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